

Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze  
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: M: 36-38  
Forest Grove Neighborhood

The property documented in the following MIHP form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Officer has neither concurred nor disagreed with those comments.

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:36-38 (PACS 4.5) Construction Date: 1940-1950

Name: Forest Grove Neighborhood

Location: Intersection of Georgia Avenue and Forest Glen Drive, Forest Glen vicinity,  
Montgomery county

Private/Private Residences/Occupied/Good/Unrestricted

### Description:

The Forest Grove Neighborhood, developed between 1940 and 1950, is a subdivision characterized by 1½- and 2-story cottages. The subdivision is bounded by Sherwood Road on the north, Forest Grove Drive on the east, Forest Glen Road on the south, and Woodland Drive on the west. The subdivision is located in the Forest Glen vicinity of Montgomery County.

### Significance:

The Forest Grove Neighborhood was developed between 1940 and 1950 during a period of heavy suburbanization in the Forest Glen area. The large subdivision immediately to the north, known as Sanford, was developed during the mid-1950s.

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief**

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic (preferred) Forest Grove Neighborhood

and/or common same

**2. Location:**

street & number Forest Glen Rd., Forest Grove Dr., Myrtle Rd., Sherwood Rd., Woodland Dr.  
☐ not for publication

city, town Forest Glen ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

**3. Classification:**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue folio

city, town Rockville state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. M:36-38 (PACS 4.5)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: Approximately 40

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Forest Grove Neighborhood, developed between 1940 and 1950, is a subdivision characterized by 1½- and 2-story cottages. The subdivision is bounded by Sherwood Road on the north, Forest Grove Drive on the east, Forest Glen Road on the south, and Woodland Drive on the west. The subdivision is located in the Forest Glen vicinity of Montgomery County.

Most of the cottages are constructed of brick and have slate roofs. A few have modern, asphalt roofs. Colonial Revival details appear on almost all of the cottages, and rear additions are common. Most of the cottages have 6/6 double-hung windows, often with shutters.

There are seven types of cottages in the Forest Grove neighborhood. The first type is a 2-story, 3-bay cottage with a side-gable roof and center entry. The second type is a 1½-story, 3-bay cottage with a center entry, a side-gable roof and two gable dormers. The third type is a 2-story, 2-bay cottage with a side-gable roof, an off-center entry, and a side garage wing. The fourth type is a 2-story, 2-bay cottage with a side-gable roof, an off-center entry and two wall dormers. The fifth type is a 1½-story, 5-bay cottage with a side-gable roof, a center entry and three gable dormers. The sixth type is a 1½-story, 3-bay cottage with a gable-front-and-wing form and a center entry. The seventh type is a 1½-story, 5-bay cottage with a side-gable roof, a projecting center entry and two gable dormers.

The Forest Grove Neighborhood is located northeast of the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Forest Glen Road. The subdivision has a curvilinear design, and the streets are lined with deciduous trees. The neighborhood has commercial and institutional development to the west and suburban residential development to the north, east and south.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates 1940-1950

Builder/Architect

check:      Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
   and/or  
                 Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
  
                 Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Forest Grove Neighborhood was developed between 1940 and 1950 during a period of heavy suburbanization in the Forest Glen area. The large subdivision immediately to the north, known as Sanford, was developed during the mid-1950s.

The Forest Grove Neighborhood is located near Forest Glen. The Forest Glen community is located on a part of a 1707.8 hectare (4220 acre) tract of land called Joseph's Park, which was granted to Captain William Joseph of the Commission of Deputy Governors of Maryland in 1689. During the late-eighteenth century, part of the land belonged to the Carroll family. Jesuit Priest John Carroll began offering Catholic services to neighbors in his family's chapel in 1774, and the community was known as Carroll Chapel for many years. Carroll's church later became St. John's Church, which operated a Catholic academy in the 1860s and 1870s. Forest Glen remained rural through much of the nineteenth century. After the completion of the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1873, the area began to grow as a suburb. In 1887, the Forest Glen Improvement Company constructed a resort hotel surrounded by parks and cottages. Summer homes of wealthy Washingtonians lined Georgia Avenue, and the area began to boom as a suburb. City residents seeking a more "wholesome" environment for the families moved to new communities along the rail line and developed new churches, schools and clubs (Hiebert and MacMaster 1976, 8-9, 26, 68, 192-233).

During the twentieth century, Forest Glen experienced the same development pressures as the rest of Montgomery County. Montgomery County experienced a rapid increase in population after World War II. Little residential construction had occurred during the Great Depression, and the shift to a wartime economy during World War II brought residential construction to a virtual standstill. These factors combined to create a critical housing shortage by 1945 (Tindall 1984:1240). In addition, after the war, permanent housing had to be provided for returning veterans and new government workers. Many American families could afford housing which would have been beyond the reach of most Americans in any previous generation. Automobile ownership also skyrocketed in the post-war period, revolutionizing the way Americans lived. Now, most people not only had the means to buy a newer, more desirable home, but they had the mobility to live someplace where sufficient land was available to enable them to escape the congestion of the city (Relph 1987:158-162). During the 1940s, several new trends altered the character of suburban neighborhoods. After 1945, the federal government spent billions on expressways to enable people who lived in the suburbs to commute to work in the city. Beltways and other highways linking suburbs together were also constructed. In many cases, extensive suburban development occurred

# CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

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## 8. Significance (Continued)

in areas which likely would have remained undeveloped were it not for the existence of these highways. After the war houses in the new low-cost developments were purchased primarily by veterans and young families with little disposable income. These communities were characterized by 1½-story, front-gabled cottages and simple twentieth century architectural styles.

The dwellings in the Forest Grove Neighborhood are examples of vernacular cottages. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

### National Register Evaluation:

Constructed between 1940 and 1950, the Forest Grove Neighborhood is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the cottages represent a common and indistinctive type of architecture constructed by a developer to provide low-cost housing during the period of post-war expansion. Also, alterations made to the houses have compromised their integrity. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Not

Recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, OPS: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, NR Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:36-38 (PACS 4.5)

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See Attached

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Kensington Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state                      code    county    code

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state                      code    county    code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date May 1998

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state Maryland

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCP/DHCD  
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
(410) 514-7600

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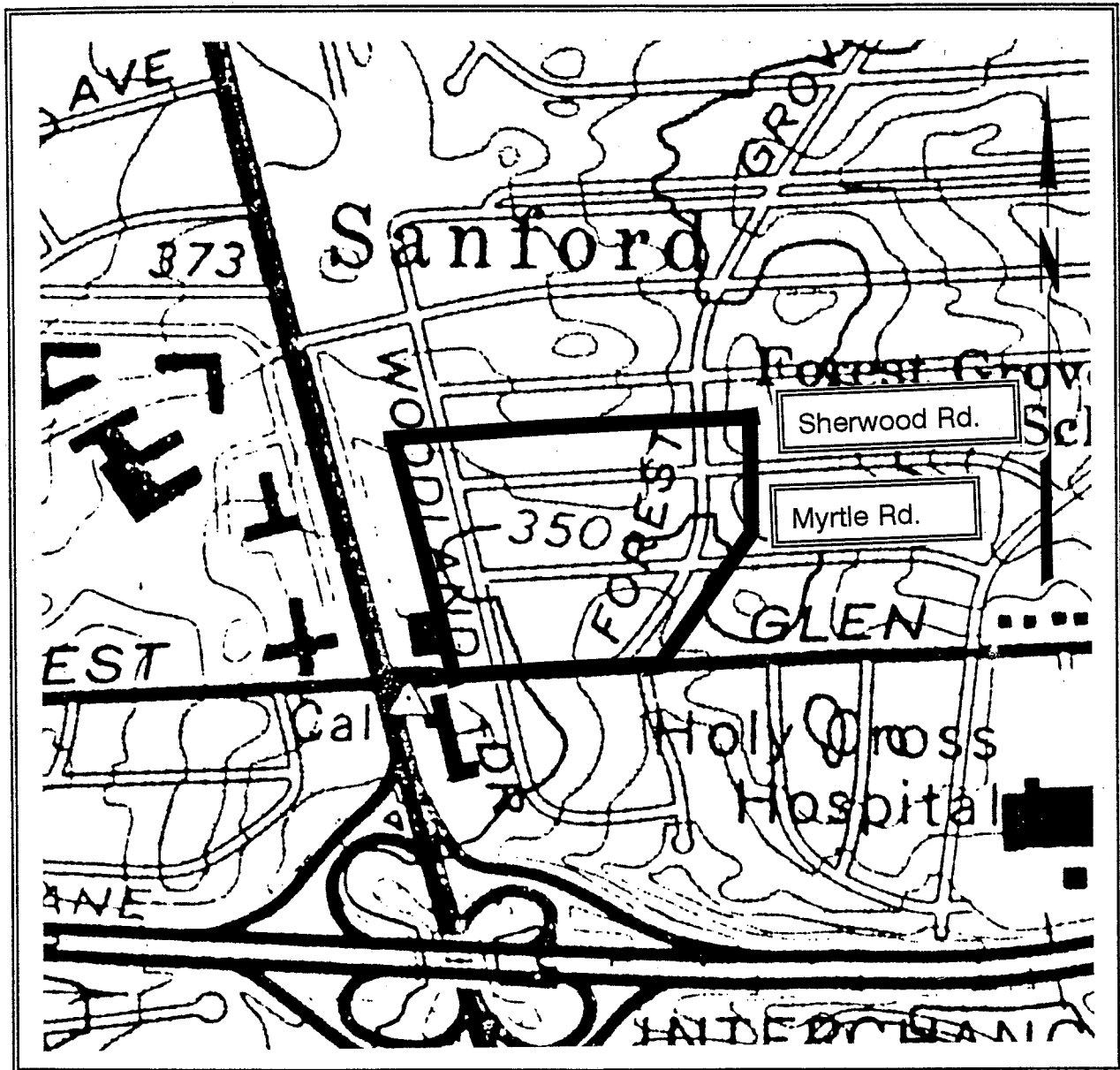
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## 10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture and Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

District

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

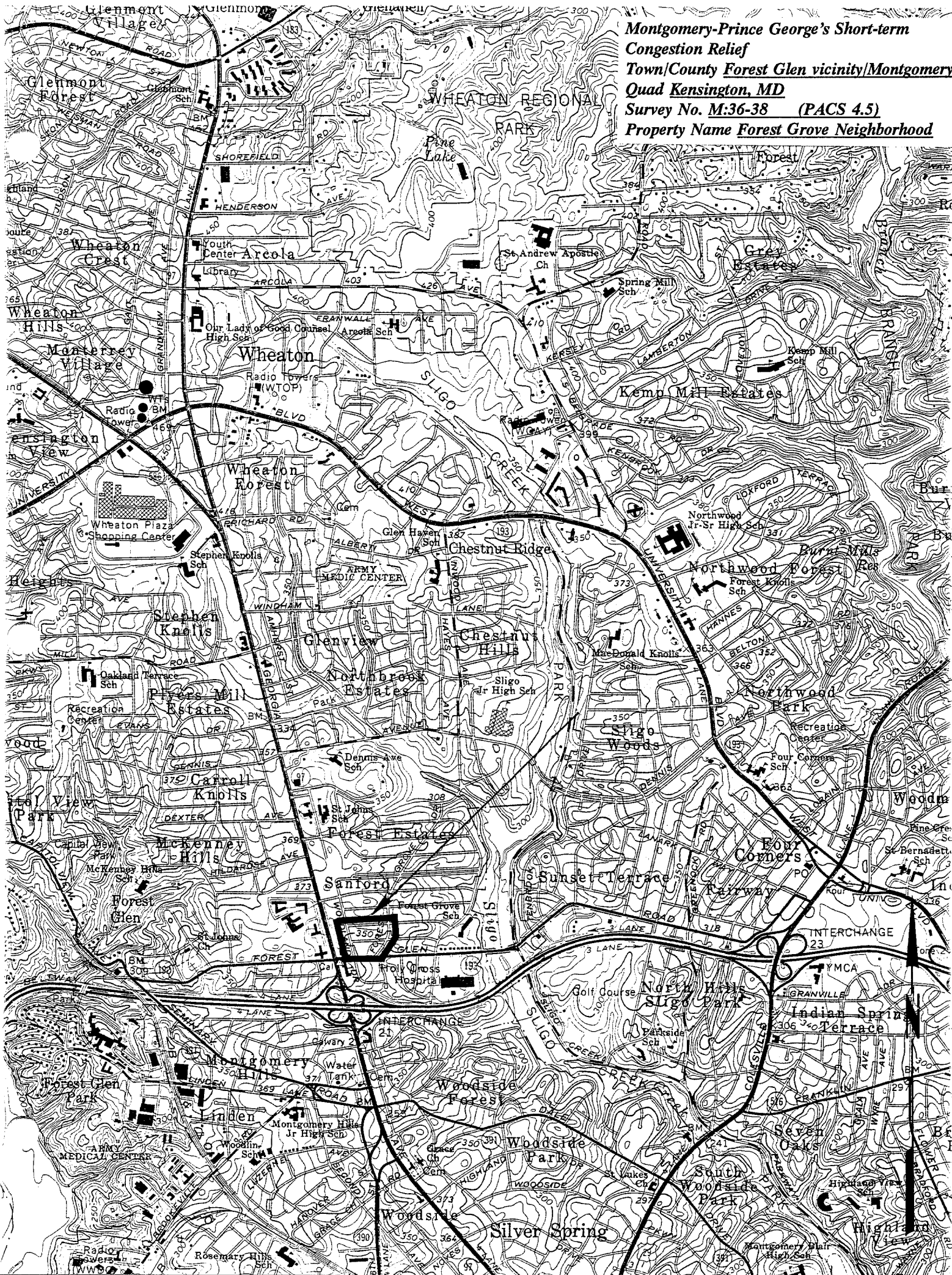
Private Residences

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
May 1998

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Town/County Forest Glen vicinity/Montgomery  
Quad Kensington, MD  
Survey No. M:36-38 (PACS 4.5)  
Property Name Forest Grove Neighborhood





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2 Forest Grove Vn Neighborhood

3 Mon-jermaine W. Rd.

4 Julie Davis

5 5102

6 1114 4th

7 1705 Forest Glen Rd.

8 10711

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1 M. 36. 38

2 Forest Glen Dr. Neighborhood

3 Montgomery Co. Rd.

4 Quince Drive

5 5/98

6 11/8 SHPO

7 1801 Forest Glen Rd.

STREET NUMBER

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- 1 M. 36-38
- 2 Forest Glen Dr. Neighborhood
- 3 Montgomery Co. Md
- 4 Julie Dawson
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md 8PP3
- 7 Forest Glen Rd
- 8 3 of 11

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2 Forest Grove No. Neighborhood

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Jules Darric

5 5198

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7 2807 Forest Glen

8 40611



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- 2 Forest Glen Dr Neighbord
- 3 Montgomery Co, Md
- 4 Julie Davis
- 5 5-128
- 6 Md 8470
- 7 9804 Forest Glen Dr
- 8 5 of 11

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- 3 Montgomery Co. Md
- 4 Julie Davis
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- 6 11/8 8:00
- 7 Myrtle Rd
- 8 6 5/97

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- 1 M:36-38
- 2 Forest Lane Dr Neighborhood
- 3 Montgomery Co. Md
- 4 Julie Dawie
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md. SHPS
- 7 1811 Myrtle Rd
- 8 70811

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1 111 36-38

2 1000 11000 Dr Neighborhood

3 1100 11000 Co. 111

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6 111 840

7 1706 Myrtle Rd

8 8 4 11

STANDARD 110000



1 m. 36-38

2 Forest Grove Dr. "Highland"

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Jule Drive

5 5/29

6 Md 84 PD

7 Myrtle Rd

8 9/1

ENTER HERE



1 117 36 38

2 Forest Grove Tr. Heights Road

3 Montgomery Co. Hd

4 John D. Davis

5 5/98

6 Md. State

7 Sherrard Dr

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2 Forest Stn. Dis. Neighborhood

3 Mangrove Co. Mo<sup>l</sup>

4 Julia Dancer

5 5198

6 Mid S4420

21.10.1972

7 Forest Stn. En

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